

## TRANSPORTATION PLANNER III DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING Annual Salary Range \$60,458 - 76,634 Job Announcement: 06DP5854

OPEN: 2/8/06 CLOSE: 2/24/06

**WHO MAY APPLY:** This position is open to current King County employees and the general public.

WHERE TO APPLY: Required forms and materials must be sent to: 201 S. Jackson Street, M.S. KSC-TR-0419, Seattle, WA 98104 or hand-delivered to Career and Employment Center at 201 S. Jackson Street, Floor 1A. Applications materials must be received by 4:00 p.m. on the closing date. (Postmarks are NOT ACCEPTED.) Contact Delanie Peterson at (206) 684-1607 or at delanie.peterson@metrokc.gov for further inquiries. PLEASE NOTE: Applications not received at the location and by the closing date and time, specified above, will not be processed.

FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED: A King County application form, resume, and letter of interest detailing your background and describing how you meet or exceed the requirements, are required.

WORK LOCATION: King Street Center, 201 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, WA.

WORK SCHEDULE: This position is exempt from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and is not overtime eligible. The workweek is normally 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**PRIMARY JOB DUTIES INCLUDE:** This position will lead and/or coordinate development of recommendations for regional multi-modal and transportation policies, plans and projects, and environmental processes, including those led by the Washington State Department of Transportation, Puget Sound Regional Council, Sound Transit and Regional Transportation Investment District or successor agencies. This position will represent King County on senior staff and technical committees dealing with transportation and transit policy planning efforts with local jurisdictions, state agencies, public transportation and other public or private entities in King County. The person in this position will be expected to undertake complex, substantive analyses of policy, project and program alternatives, identify potential issues, and make recommendations. This includes analysis of legislation and development of issue and briefing papers. This position is responsible for periodic communications, both written and oral, for the public, local jurisdiction staff and elected officials, transportation planning boards, division and department management and the King County Council, and will represent the Department on special projects as required. Specifically, this position's responsibilities include the essential job functions listed below:

- Prepare analyses of technical information.
- Define project/program needs and alternatives.
- Participate in and lead project teams.
- Lead work in accomplishing assigned objectives, including ensuring that team objectives are met, assigning tasks within the group, facilitating group discussion, prioritizing work and resolving group conflict. Analyze work team products/reports. May establish work team or supervise consultants.

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- Develop recommendations for major regional policies, programs and projects. Evaluate various proposals and concepts for feasibility and impacts.
- Recommend prioritization and funding of transportation improvement projects.
- Prepare and recommend project objectives and schedules, and prepare budgets.
- Propose new program elements and strategies.
- Represent the Department in staff groups involved in interjurisdictional corridor planning efforts, and support the Director or others involved in related the policy level discussions
- Oversee and work collaboratively in interjurisdictional planning activities featuring advisory groups of local staff, elected stakeholders and others.
- Negotiate agreements or participate in negotiations in order to develop collaborative solutions to transportation problems.
- Review public agency and private development environmental documents including discipline reports, determinations of non-significance, scoping documents and environmental impact statements and provide oral and written comments representing multiple disciplines (transportation, land use, etc.) for the County, both as a lead agency and as a stakeholder.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified candidates must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- A master's degree in planning or closely related field, plus increasingly responsible experience in
  planning and development related to transit and transportation planning is required. A bachelor's
  degree and additional experience in planning and development related to transit and transportation
  planning may substitute as the equivalent for the minimum qualification.
- Knowledge of transportation and transit planning and design principles, techniques, practices and issues.
- Work experience in transit service planning, facilities planning, policy analysis, and/or operations.
- Knowledge of policy/program analysis and design/development skills.
- Demonstrated project management and negotiation skills.
- Ability to lead projects and build teams.
- Ability to make effective oral and written presentations.
- Ability to integrate diverse interests and problem-solve.
- Ability to apply and present data and complex technical concepts to non-technical audiences.
- Ability to handle multiple tasks and priorities.
- Ability to use Word and Excel software.

## **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Experience working with elected officials, internal and external agency staffs and the general public with diverging opinions and viewpoints.
- Knowledge of transportation demand management, environmental processes and land use.
- Extensive policy/program analysis and design/development skills
- Knowledge of GIS and other software useful for presentations and graphics

**NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Valid Washington State driver's license or the ability to travel throughout the county in a timely manner.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Applications will be screened for clarity, completeness, and responsiveness to the list of demonstrated abilities and desired qualifications. Competitive applicants will be invited to participate in a panel interview and answer written questions. The supervisor of Transit Oriented Development will interview finalists.

UNION MEMBERSHIP: This position is represented by I.F.P.T.E., Local 17 - Professional and Technical

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